



**CALIFORNIA
HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY**

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2010

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA

Members Present: Rod Diridon, Sr.

The public meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority Operations Committee was called to order on September 1, 2010 at 1:33 pm by Member Diridon at the State Capitol in Sacramento, CA. He noted that Committee Chair Katz and Member Burns had serious personal conflicts and had shared their regrets at not being able to attend.

Agenda Item # 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Diridon approved minutes as written.

Agenda Item # 1 – Public Comments

Member Diridon called for public comment.

- He introduced Mr. Julian Camacho, who he'd known for decades and respected, as President of the California Hispanic Contractors Association, a non-profit organization. Mr. Camacho asked the Board to adopt a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program to promote DBE and WBE (women owned business) construction and engineering services contracts with the high speed rail project. Mr. Camacho very cordially but firmly asked specifically that CFR 49, Part 26 be added into the authority's policy.
- Member Diridon stated that this issue had been referred to Chief Executive Officer van Ark who is in the process of developing the policies that will apply to the Authority's next contracting cycle. Those policies will be back to the Board within 1 to 2 months. That timeframe will allow careful discussions with the Authority's federal liaison, the Federal Railroad Administration to which these policies do not automatically apply by law. Member Diridon also noted that he and several of the Board Members had spoken in favor of adopting the policy.

Agenda Item #3 - Monthly Program Management Team and Program Management Oversight Reports

Mr. Tony Daniels and Mr. Mark Ashley presented a monthly progress report/update to the Committee. One major key issue was the continuing challenge of not having an approved State Budget. Mr. Daniels noted that the Authority's consultant teams' entire budget have been expended. Though the teams continue to work hard to maintain the project's tight schedule, they do so without payment until the budget is approved. There will be a limit to that very dedicated effort now being financed by the contractors.

Member Diridon stated his appreciation for the risk that these dedicated contractors are taking especially when this epic project is in jeopardy of missing deadlines and forfeiting the \$2.25 billion in federal stimulus grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 pm by Member Diridon.